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SUBJ: FAREWELL CALLS: SOME IMPRESSIONS

I HAVE NOW COMPLETED MY FAREWELL CALLS. IN GENERAL
THEY HAVE BEEN BRIEF AND ESSENTIALLY LITTLE NEW HAS EMERGED.
SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOWS:

1. CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS, PRIME MINISTER, COVERED THEME
OF HOW MISTAKEN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE JUNTA HAD BEEN.
HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THE U.S., BY APPROPRIATE POLICIES, SUCH
AS CUTTING OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE, COULD HAVE TOPPLED
JUNTA. I REPLIED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, FACED WITH A
WORLD-WIDE SITUATION, STRONGLY HELD THE VIEW THAT THE U.S.
COULD NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF
OTHER COUNTRIES; THE U.S. HAD TO ACCEPT GOVERNMENTS AS THEY
EXISTED. OTHERWISE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WOULD BE
EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. MOREOVER, EVEN IF WE WISHED, WE
DID NOT IN FACT POSSESS SUCH CAPABILITIES TO INFLUENCE
INTERNAL POLITICS.

2. GEORGE MAVROS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER,
REITERATED POINT THAT NO SETTLEMENT OR PROCEDURE LEADING TO A
SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS COULD TAKE PLACE WHICH IS NOT CONSISTENT
WITH GREEK HONOR.

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3. ZENOPHON ZOLOTAS, MINISTER OF COORDINATION, EMPHASIZED THAT MOBILIZATION OF GREEK ARMED FORCES WAS EXPENSIVE AND HE REGRETTED GREATLY THE GREEK-TURKISH SPLIT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOMEHOW THE CYPRUS ISSUE COULD BE MOVED TO THE BACKGROUND.

4. HOHN PEZMAZOGLU, MINISTER OF FINANCE, SAID THAT UNLESS THE U.S. ACTS TO GET THE TURKISH MILITARY TO WITHDRAW, ANTI-AMERICANISM WILL BE GREATLY INTENSIFIED WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME. HE COMPARED THE TURKS TO THE NAZIS AND SAID THE INVASION OF CYPRUS WAS EQUIVALENT IN GREEK EYES TO THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE SUDETENLAND.
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